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Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Republic of Tanzania*:
draft resolution

Report of the Committee on Development Planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991 on the report of the Committee for Development Planning and criteria for identifying the least developed countries,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223 of 18 July 1997 concerning the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning that Vanuatu be graduated from the list of the least developed countries,

Noting further the letter of the Prime Minister of Vanuatu¹ stating the reasons for his position that the review of Vanuatu's status should be deferred to the year 2000,

Stressing the need for the Committee for Development Planning to take fully into account the vulnerability index in evaluating the status of the least developed countries,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ A/C.2/52/5, annex, appendix.

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Taking into account views and comments expressed by delegations during the debate on the report of the Economic and Social Council at the meetings of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on 11 November 1997,

1. Reaffirms paragraphs 4 and 5 of its resolution 46/206 relating to transitional arrangements;
2. Welcomes the convening of Working Group III of the Committee for Development Planning at United Nations Headquarters from 17 to 19 December 1997 to review the results of the technical work and the outcome of the expert group meeting, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/183;
3. Decides to retain Vanuatu on the list of the least developed countries until further consideration by the Committee for Development Planning during its next review, in the year 2000.
